

WANT TO KEEP THE ASYLUM

Norfolk Citizens Seek to Nip the in Bad the Suggestion of a Change.

VOLUMINOUS ARGUMENT IS ADVANCED

Delegation Enroute to Lincoln, with Senator Young as Spokesman, Declares that Loss is Not Complete, as Was at First Reported.

State Senator W. W. Young, N. A. Rainbolt and E. A. Luthardt of Norfolk, were in the city yesterday enroute to Lincoln, as a committee appointed by the citizens of Norfolk to look after the interests of that community in regard to the repair and reconstruction of the buildings damaged and destroyed by the recent fire.

As spokesman for the committee Senator Young said: "A few days ago there appeared in 'The Omaha Bee' an alleged interview between the governor of the state and the correspondent of The Bee at Lincoln, in which interview it was suggested that the citizens of Lincoln were very much interested in a plan to rebuild the asylum at Lincoln and to abandon the Norfolk buildings. This interview has aroused the Norfolk people and they are now vigorous in behalf of Norfolk. This committee has been appointed by the citizens to look after the interests of Norfolk and the repair of the asylum."

Argument Against Removal.

"In the judgment of the committee and of all who have been at the scene of the fire it will be an act of folly to abandon the buildings now in existence and to rebuild elsewhere for the following reasons: After a careful inspection of the results of the fire we find that the only part of the main building that has been totally destroyed is that part which was constructed in 1885 and which contained accommodations for only ninety patients besides the offices and recreation room and one dining room. This part has been so injured by the fire that the walls will have to be torn down and rebuilt, and this damage to the walls was caused by faulty construction in the first place. Since 1885 there have been constructed as additions to the main building three wings, which were built for the accommodation of patients and comprise small cells or rooms surrounded on all sides by brick walls. By reason of the construction of these cells containing brick partitions no damage of any consequence has resulted from the fire except the burning of the floors, windows and roof. The foundations and walls of these wings have been examined by an architect and have been pronounced to be in as good condition as before the fire."

Loss Not So Great.

The total value of the property before the fire was \$250,000. A careful estimate of the value of the property in its present condition is \$175,000. The estimate of damage, made by Architect Stitt of Norfolk, who is the architect who made the plans and superintended the construction of one of the wings, places the loss at \$75,000. \$75,000 will be sufficient to repair and reconstruct the buildings in better condition than before the fire."

"An impression seems to have gotten out that all of the property was injured by the fire. This is a mistake. The following property was not in any manner touched by the fire: One two-story brick building known as the chapel, 30x130 feet in area, one two-story building 32x120 feet, which was used as laundry, a shop, and a canteen; rooms and power house, which contains six boilers, four pumps, engine and dynamo. There is also a large brick smokestack about 100 feet high, another two-story brick storehouse and two large barns, which cost \$5,000, and there is in process of construction a standpipe 100 feet high which is now near completion, and the completion of which would have rendered such a fire as that of this week impossible."

"One of the wings damaged by the fire, according to the estimate made by Architect Stitt, by an outlay of \$8,000 can be put in first-class condition, and when repaired will accommodate 125 patients. The other two wings can also be repaired by the expenditure of a reasonable amount of money."

Patients are Removed.

"The Board of Public Lands and Buildings, which has inspected the scene of the fire has caused to be removed a portion of the patients, sixty-five of them going to Hastings and eighty to Lincoln. The other patients, to the number of about 125, are still accommodated in the remaining buildings, which were not damaged or affected by fire. These patients can be taken care of at Norfolk until the wings above referred to have been repaired. In view of the fact that the value of the property of the state in its present condition is \$175,000, and that the same can be repaired for \$75,000, it could seem to be improbable that any person knowing the above facts would entertain even a thought of abandoning this property and building elsewhere."

"In our judgment the Board of Public Lands and Buildings should at once repair the wing, which will accommodate 125 patients and which can be repaired for \$5,000, since in the judgment of Architect Stitt this wing can be placed in the condition which existed before the fire within thirty days."

"The lumber dealers of Norfolk stand ready to furnish material to repair the said wing and the carpenters of Norfolk stand ready to furnish the money to pay for labor and wait for their pay (as appropriation can be made by the legislature.)"

WILL NOT PUNISH STRIKERS

Cincinnati Judge Refuses to Hold Carriage Workers for Contempt of Court.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 25.—A court here had granted an injunction against the striking carriage workers. Judge Spiegel, who has concurrent jurisdiction with the judge who granted it, today overruled a motion to punish certain strikers for contempt of court because they continued picketing and other interference with the factories. Judge Spiegel said all the strikers had been served with notices of the restraining order personally and that they included those charged with contempt in this case. The strike of the carriage workers here has continued for months and at times the situation has been considered serious, as new men are being installed.

SAMOANS ARE NOT PLEASED

Think the United States Government is Not Treating Them as It Should.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 25.—A letter received today from Tutuila, Samoa, calls attention to the discontent among the natives over the manner in which the United States governs the islands under its protection. The letter says:

"The opinion here is that the authorities at Washington must either treat this place simply as a protectorate of the United States, allowing the people the right to govern themselves in the manner they see fit, or they must lay down settled regulations, or the government of the islands and make ample financial provision for carrying out those regulations."

"The inhabitants want to know their real

Plain Truths for Republicans

Mr. President and Gentlemen: When the telegraph announced that Nebraska had by a decisive majority, been carried for William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt, the country was electrified with admiration. It was the most magnificent and the most brilliant victory recorded in all the United States, and it was so acknowledged. And in the history of that memorable campaign Nebraska will stand in the front rank with the states that declared themselves for loyalty to the principles represented by our standard bearers. And to you, one of the fragments of the army that entered into this struggle that began in Nebraska five years previous to this glorious culmination—to you belong largely the honor and the glory of that achievement."

We all remember how Nebraska was made the storm center of the recent great national struggle by reason of the fact that the nominee of the democratic and populist parties was a resident and citizen of Nebraska, and was popular and strong and vigorous and an enthusiastic following in the army led by General Disraeli and General Calhoun.

Must Be Honest with the Public.

And now, after we have redeemed this great and glorious state from populism and democracy, it is our duty to exert all our influence and conduct ourselves in such manner that Nebraska will remain within the republican lines for the next twenty years at least, and it can be done and shall be done if I have any influence during the remainder of my days. (Applause.)

At the late republican state convention we endeavored to define the sentiment of honest republicans in favor of good government, honesty in public office. That sentiment has been expressed in the resolutions adopted at Lincoln and eight general sessions next November. There can be no question about that. Had we been cowardly, had we simply sought to evade the vital issue, we could not possibly have arrested the great wave of popular indignation caused by an act, perhaps only a mistake of judgment—but nevertheless an act that did not meet the approval of law-abiding citizens in this state.

Now, my friends, Douglas county always has been and will continue to be the political storm center. Within the thirty-six years that I have lived here I have participated in seven major party contests and in nearly every one this county was the battle ground for factional conflict. But after all the bitter warfare, when the crucial test came, all the elements united against the common enemy. It was only when the party forgot its duty and went absolutely wrong that it failed to succumb to the consequences of its own folly."

Of Year Fore-runner for 1902.

The question that presents itself here tonight is not so momentous as that which was before you when I addressed you in this ward a year ago. At this time the election of a president, the election of a state ticket, or the election of two republican senators is not in question. It is purely a controversy relating to local affairs. Nevertheless, whatever may be done this fall, in the off year of 1901, will have a reflex action upon what may happen in the year 1902."

You doubtless remember that I appealed to the republicans of the Eighth ward twelve months ago to rally to the party standard and support not only its national and state candidates, but the candidates that were placed upon the ticket as representatives of the legislature. The outcome of that contest depended very largely upon what Douglas county would do; upon your action and that of the rest of the republicans in this county. Fortunately for the nation and state a sufficient number of members of the legislature were elected to insure the election of two republican United States senators. Had there been two more members of the legislature defeated for the house of representatives Nebraska's representatives in the United States senate would have been either Bryan and Allen or two other popoists."

For Welfare of the Country.

Now, then, I am impelled to make some remarks of a somewhat retrospective nature. I am impelled to this step because of a peculiar ticket that was handed to me today. It is a ticket made up for the Eighth ward republican primaries and is headed thus: "For the welfare of our country and the good of the republican party of this county."

This is a most extraordinary text, and the more so because I find at the head of this ticket the name of a gentleman who rides himself on being a republican leader—Mr. Jeffries."

Now, we want to know whether the leadership of that gentleman, if accepted by any considerable number of republicans in the campaign of a year ago, would have been for the welfare of the country from a republican standpoint? (A voice: "No, certainly not.") I want to know whether under the peculiar policy pursued by that gentleman, and some others, it would have been for the welfare of the country to have sent William J. Bryan and a populist to the United States senate? For that was

status concerning the United States. Not only the islands belong to the United States, but the States do nothing, and natives and whites live in a friendly way, knowing which way to move or turn for fear of getting into trouble.

"There has been delay in the payment for lands taken by the United States government for public purposes and also for arms and munitions issued in a friendly way. The Samoans continue to live in neglect with the liberality of the Germans at Apia, who are opening up the country, building roads and making other public improvements."

KIRK B. ARMOUR'S RELAPSE

Packer Becomes So Much Worse at His Home That Doctors Alarmed.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 25.—The condition of Kirk B. Armour, packer, who has been seriously ill at his home here for some time, has been a turn for the worse. Although death is not expected immediately, it is understood his chances for recovery are slight. Mr. Armour has been in poor health for two years past, but since his return from Glen Falls, N. Y., where he went last summer and was taken quite ill, had improved. The relapse is considered so serious as to thoroughly alarm his physicians.

Killed by Blow from Fugitive.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—George Johnson, colored, aged 37, of Brooklyn, died today from the effects of a blow on the point of the jaw received yesterday in a friendly pugilist with Tommy West, the well-known pugilist, the latter's training quarters, where West was setting himself into condition for a contest at Fort Erie, Canada, with Alvin Johnson, who was taken to a hospital and never regained consciousness, except for a few minutes, after arriving there. West was placed under arrest and held without bail on a charge of homicide.

the logical consequence of the conduct of this gentleman. (A voice: "In Jeffries a Bryan man? Do you mean to say that Jeffries is a Bryan man?")

Mr. Roosevelt-Jeffries would have helped elect Bryan to the United States senate by the course he was pursuing. (Same voice: "Just answer my question about Jeffries?") I have answered you and now I hope you will not interrupt me again.

Should Self-Outside Be Rewarded?

So long as Jeffries was a candidate for county attorney no one had a right to interfere with his candidacy or prevent him from receiving support. But after he had been defeated in a fair fight at the primary election—in which every ward in the city decided against the faction with which he was associated—the only proper thing for him to have done was to have acquiesced in the will of the republicans of Douglas county and to have quietly accepted, if he did not care to give public and active support to the ticket. But he and others associated with him declared that they would rather have two democratic United States senators than to abide by the expressed will of 10,000 republicans in this county. Now, then, what would have been the inevitable consequence? The election of Mr. Bryan and a populist from this state. And what would have been the consequence if no senators had been elected last winter? In all probability President Roosevelt would have been nominated and unable to advance any measure that would carry out in the congress of the United States. For one, I resent the motto printed on Jeffries ticket as a reflection upon all republicans of the city who have been loyal and true and who have stood by the decision of the primary election."

There is also this other question: Does Mr. Jeffries and his leadership stand for the interest of the republican party of this county? The gentleman I have referred to acted in concert with the enemies of the republican party and he received his reward only about six weeks ago. He received it in money. He received \$300. He received it out of the treasury of Douglas county, at the order of the Douglas county democratic commissioners. They selected him, when they had a county attorney of their own, and they gave or five assistant county attorneys. I was anxious to forward them an opinion as to whether they could give a franchise to an electric line out of Douglas county, and they paid him \$300 for that opinion. Why did they do it? Was there not a sufficient number of prominent democratic attorneys in Douglas county? Where is W. S. Poppleton? Where is T. J. Mahoney? Where is J. M. Woolworth? 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